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MMO Habitats Regulations Assessment Adoption Decision

The Conservation of Offshore Marine Habitats and Species Regulations 2017

Case Title: Application to make non-material changes to the Dogger Bank
Creyke Beck Offshore Wind Farm Order 2015

Applicant: Dogger Bank Wind Farm Project

MMO Reference: DCO/2013/00010
DCO/2016/00024

Date: 25 April 2019

1 Introduction

The Marine Management Organisation (MMO) considers that the proposed works requires an assessment under The Conservation of Offshore Habitats and Species Regulations 2017.

However, in accordance The Conservation of Offshore Habitats and Species Regulations 2017, Regulation 35 MMO has determined that it is appropriate to adopt the reasoning and conclusions issued on 10 April 2019, by Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS) in relation to Dogger Bank Creyke Beck A Wind Farm and Dogger Bank Creyke Beck B Wind Farm.

2 Proposal

2.1 Project Background

The original application for development consent under the Planning Act 2008 was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate on 29 August 2013. Development consent Dogger Bank Creyke Beck Offshore Wind Farm Order 2015 (“the 2015 Order”) was granted on 17 February 2015 and came into force on 11 March 2015. The 2015 Order was subsequently corrected by The Dogger Bank Creyke Beck Offshore Wind Farm (Correction) Order 2015, on 2 October 2015, which came into force on 5 October 2015.

The 2015 Order granted development consent for two offshore wind farms, Dogger Bank Creyke Beck A Offshore Wind Farm (“Project A”) and Dogger Bank Creyke Beck B Offshore Wind Farm (“Project B”). Each project up to 1.2 Gigawatts comprising up to 200 wind turbine generators. Project A covers an area of approximately 515km², Project B covers an area of approximately 599km².

The applicant originally sought consent for changes to each wind farm project to:

- increase the each wind turbine generator maximum rotor diameter from 215 meters to 280 meters;
- increase the maximum hammer energy for monopile foundations from 3,000 kilojoules to 4,000 kilojoules; and
- increase the monopile diameter from 10 metres to 12 meters.

The applicant subsequently withdrew the hammer energy and monopile increases from the variation request, resulting in the HRA relating to increase in wind turbine generator rotor diameter only.

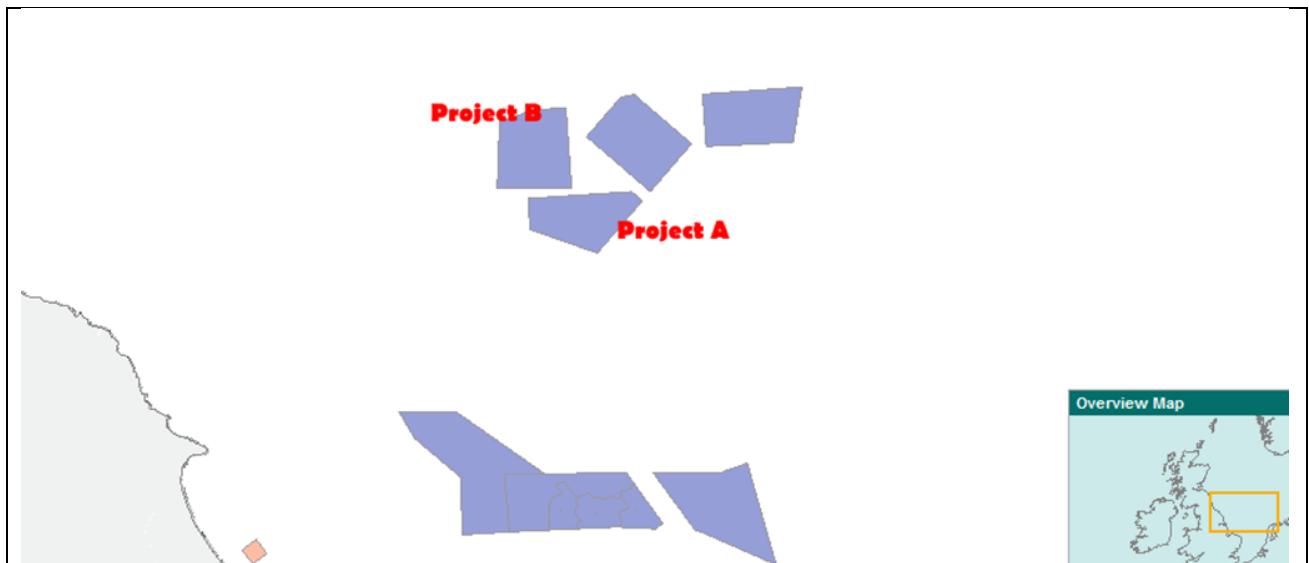
2.2 Location

Project A is located approximately 131km from shore at its closest point in the southern corner of the former Dogger Bank Zone in the North Sea¹, Project B is on the western edge

¹ The Dogger Bank Offshore Wind Farm Zone located in the North Sea between 125 and 290 km off the coast of the East Riding of Yorkshire and extending over an area of approximately 8,660km.

of the former Dogger Bank Zone and is also approximately 131km from shore at its closest point, which are displayed in Figure 1 below.

Figure 1: Dogger Bank Creyke Beck Project A and Project B



Conclusion

MMO confirms the adoption of BEIS Habitats Regulations decision on the basis that the MMO is satisfied that BEIS assessment and subsequent decision is sufficient to meet the requirements of the Habitat Regulations in relation to the project.

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